Driver Communication Card

The Driver Communication Card is a project of the North Carolina Division of Services for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing (DSDHH) in partnership with the North Carolina State Highway Patrol.

The purpose of this card is to:

- Facilitate communication between the driver with hearing loss (Deaf, Hard of Hearing) and law enforcement personnel.
- Promote awareness of the expectations and operations of law enforcement personnel during traffic stops.
- Promote awareness of the communication needs of drivers with hearing loss.

Drivers with the communication cards are made aware of:

- Their responsibilities as card holders and procedures for proper use.
- The required security and personal safety actions followed by law enforcement personnel during traffic stops.
- The fact that the card does NOT excuse drivers of any traffic violation.

The cards are thin, lightweight and designed to fit over the sun visor. They should be used for quick communication during traffic stops or other situations involving law enforcement. State and local law enforcement throughout North Carolina are being trained to spot the cards and understand their purpose. Drivers are being trained on the appropriate use of the communication cards.

In order for people with hearing loss to qualify, they must have a valid North Carolina Driver's license and be certified as Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

Driver Communication Cards can be obtained from any of DSDHH's Regional Centers. The Regional Center staff are available to provide assistance, explain the program in detail or provide presentations about the cards at workshops, conferences and meetings at no charge. For more information go to: www.ncdhhs.gov/dsdhh or contact the Regional Center serving your county of residence. Please see back for Regional Center locations.

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Regional Center locations.

DSDHH's phone listing uses the following abbreviations:

V – voice (for people who do not use telephone assistive equipment)

TTY — phone equipment (for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind people)

VP – video phone (for people who use sign language to communicate)



Asheville:

12 Barbetta Drive
Asheville, NC 28806
828-665-8733 V • 828-333-5830 VP
828-665-8737 TTY • 800-681-8035 TTY
800-681-7998 V • 828-670-5054 Fax

Charlotte:

5501 Executive Center Dr., Suite 200 Charlotte, NC 28212 704-568-8558 V • 704-918-1554 VP 704-568-8505 TTY • 800-835-5302 V 800-835-5306 TTY • 704-568-9615 Fax

Greensboro:

122 North Elm Street, Suite 900 Greensboro, NC 27401 336-273-9692 V/TTY • 336-429-5644 VP 888-467-3413 V/TTY • 336-256-0689 Fax

Morganton:

107 Foothills Drive Morganton, NC 28655 828-430-7185 V • 828-475-6606 VP 828-430-7192 TTY • 800-999-8915 V 800-205-9920 TTY • 828-430-7193 Fax

Raleigh:

4900 Waters Edge Drive Raleigh, NC 27606 919-859-8526 V (Main) • 800-999-5737 V (Main) 919-233-7082 TTY • 919-890-0858 VP 919-233-7083 Fax

Wilmington:

3340 Jaeckle Drive, The Randall Bldg., Suite 104 Wilmington, NC 28403 910-251-5702 V • 910-777-5770 VP 910-251-5767 TTY • 800-205-9915 V 800-205-9916 TTY • 910-251-2677 Fax

Wilson:

2705 Wooten Blvd. Wilson, NC 27893 252-243-3104 V • 252-674-1141 VP 252-243-1951 TTY • 800-999-6828 V 800-205-9925 TTY • 252-243-7634 Fax

Home Office:

919-874-2212 V/TTY • 919-890-0859 VP 800-851-6099 V/TTY • 919-855-6872 Fax

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